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The Ohio Oil Co.

H. B. CARPENTER,
PURCHASING AGENT

Findlay, Ohio.

Feb. 11, 1920.

The American Numismatic Society,
156th and Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly advise if you can furnish
me with literature discussing the various articles which
were used by the American Indians as a means of exchange.
Any records to which you can refer me, or any information
which you may forward will be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,
H. B. Carpenter

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February 17, 1920

Mr. H. B. Carpenter
C/o The Ohio Oil Co.
Findlay, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I am very glad to respond to your letter of the 11th regarding mediums of exchange used by the American Indians. I presume you are acquainted with the Hand Book of the American Indians issued in two volumes as Bulletin No. 30 of the Bureau of American Ethnology. If not, I feel sure you would find it helpful. It has an extensive bibliography at the end of the article on Wampum, and the article itself is helpful. It was printed in 1910.

Another very helpful volume, one which is mentioned in the bibliography referred to, and which also contains further bibliographical material, is Beauchamps Wampum and Shell Articles used by the New York Indians, published as Bulletin 41, Vol. 8 of the New York State Museum, at the price of 30 cents. Although this is probably out of print, I do not doubt that you can secure a copy with some slight effort.

Although our Society is interested in the forms of exchange used among the Indians, we are also much interested in the medals given them from time to time by the British and American Governments for the purposes of keeping them friendly. Should this fall within the scope of your inquiry, I can give you additional references which I do not doubt would prove of interest to you.

Should you come to New York in the near or distant future, it would give me great pleasure to have you call at our Museum and permit me to show you the rather exceptional collection of these medals which we have in our cabinets.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.